

Changes to the Mandatory Guidelines October 1, 2010:

Medical Review Officer (MRO) Certification & MRO Certifying Entity Approval

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Medical Review Officer (MRO)

- Definition

- *An MRO is a licensed physician who has either a Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) or Doctor of Osteopathy (D.O.) degree, has knowledge regarding the pharmacology and toxicology of illicit drugs, has completed the training necessary to serve as an MRO, and has satisfactorily passed an examination administered by a nationally recognized entity that certifies MROs or subspecialty board for physicians performing a review of Federal employee drug tests results, which has been approved by the Secretary.*
- Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs
 - Subpart M – Medical Review Officer (MRO), Section 13.1

Subpart M-Medical Review Officer (MRO) Section 13.1
MRO Certifying Entities or Subspecialty Boards for
Physicians Performing Reviews of Federal Employee Drug
Test Results

- MRO Certifying Entities and Subspecialty Boards:
 - Must submit their Entity or Subspecialty Board Qualifications
 - Must submit a sample MRO Examination

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Test Results . . . Continued

- There will be an HHS Annual Objective Review of:
 - Qualifications for each MRO Certifying Entity or Subspecialty Board
 - Content from sample MRO examination for each Entity or Subspecialty Board
- HHS Secretary shall publish annually a list of all approved MRO Certifying Entities and Subspecialty Boards

HHS Approval of MRO Entities

(December 8, 2010)

- The HHS Secretary approved the following MRO certifying organizations that offer both MRO training and certification through examination:
- **American Association of Medical Review Officers (AAMRO)**
 - P.O. Box 12873
 - Research Triangle Park, NC 27709
 - **Contact:** Mr. Theodore Shults
 - Phone: (800) 489-1839
 - Fax: (919) 490-1010
 - Email: cferrell@aamro.com
 - Website: <http://www.aamro.com/>
- **Medical Review Officer Certification Council (MROCC)**
 - 836 Arlington Heights Road, #327
 - Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
 - **Contact:** Mr. Brian Compney
 - Phone: (847) 631-0599
 - Fax: (847) 483-1282
 - Email: mrocc@mrocc.org
 - Website: <http://www.mrocc.org/>

HHS Approval of MRO Entities

- The HHS Secretary approved the following organizations that offer MRO training as a prerequisite for MRO certification:
- **American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM)**
 - 25 Northwest Point Boulevard, Suite 700
 - Elk Grove Village, IL 60007-1030
 - **Contact:** Ms. Mariane Dreger
 - Phone: (847) 818-1800
 - Fax: (847) 818-9266
 - Contact Form: <http://www.acoem.org/contactacoem.aspx>
 - Website: <http://www.acoem.org/>
- **American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM)**
 - 4601 N. Park Avenue, Upper Arcade #101
 - Chevy Chase, MD 20815
 - **Contact:** Ms. Alexis Grier-Horan
 - Phone: (301) 656-3920
 - Fax: (301) 656-3815
 - Email: email@asam.org
 - Website: <http://www.asam.org/>

HHS Approval of MRO Entities Continued . . .

- Guidance Questions
 - SAMHSA DWP Website
 - MROs
 - HHS Approved MRO Entities

Key References

- October 1, 2010
 - Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs, Subpart M Medical Review Officer (MRO), Section 13.1
 - <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-10118.pdf>
- HHS MRO Manual
 - http://workplace.samhsa.gov/DrugTesting/pdf/MRO_Manual_2010_100908.pdf
- December 8, 2010
 - HHS Approval of Entities That Certify Medical Review Officers (MROs)
 - Federal Register / Vol. 75, No. 235 / Wednesday, December 8, 2010 / Notices
 - <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-30700.pdf>
- List of Approved HHS MRO Training and Certification Entities
 - http://workplace.samhsa.gov/DrugTesting/pdf/apprvd_mro_training_cert_entities.pdf